

## **CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:**

### **NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016:**

Honorary Secretary Frank Simpson opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 12 members of Croydon Philatelic Society present. The speaker **Roger Morrell** was invited to present his display on **Hungary to 1940's**.



Roger began his talk by explaining how Hungary had been affected by a number of groups in its history – Romans, Huns, Magyars, Mongols, and Austrians. Up until 1918 Hungary was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and this affected the postal system. The material on display included examples of postal history, receipts from registered letters, stamps, postal stationary, newspaper wrappers and post cards. There were a variety of cancellations and different watermarks.

From 1918 as a result of the peace settlement at the end of the First World War the area of Hungary was reduced by two thirds. From 1919 Hungarian stamps were produced and a number of sets of the stamps was on show. A feature of the stamps at this time was the large number of overprints on the stamps and the postal stationary. There were also a great number of forgeries which are difficult

to recognise. From the 1930's commemorative stamps and miniature sheets became more common.

Hungary presents a collecting challenge because of the large number of border changes and regimes who were in power. Roger was able to explain the details very clearly making it a very interesting and informative display to the members present.

Frank gave the Vote of thanks and the meeting closed at 21.30 hours.

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